Police attendance at Political Meetings.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

42. Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commissioner has issued any Circular or order to the Police to attend all political meetings in the State and submit reports and if so when was this issued, and

(b) the special circumstances which have now led to the issuing of this Circular or order?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

(a) Yes. On 17th March 1925.

(b) No circumstances in special.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

May I know what special circumstances necessitated this order at this particular time?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR

At what particular time?

Mr. K. T. MATHEW,

That is what I want to know.

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

The answer given is "special circumstances". That is, "no circumstances in special".

President.—What is the further question?

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

What is the necessity then for him to issue this Circular?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

There are no special circumstances just now which led to the issuing of this Circular. "No circumstances in special". The Police are asked to collect information as to what all things are going on within their jurisdiction. It falls under that head.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

With regard to the Circular issued by the Police Commissioner, we want to know whether the Police have gathered any information from public meetings.

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

This is not a Circular of the Police Commissioner. This is a Circular of the Government.. The Government have to be kept informed of what is going on in public meetings and elsewhere.

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Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

Is it not the duty of the Sub-Inspector?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

Yes. He has to submit to the Government a report. It is the duty of the Police Sub-Inspector to submit whatever information he takes down at these public meetings.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

We want to know whether the Sub-Inspector submits it, only if he finds it necessary.

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

Does it arise from this question, Sir?

President.—I think it does not.

Camp Sub-Inspector for the Police Commissioner.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

43. Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commissioner of Police has got a camp clerk or an 'Office Sub-Inspector', and if there is an Office Sub-Inspector:

(b) the duties and salary of this officer;

(c) whether this officer is accompanying the Commissioner of Police while going on tours; and

(d) whether, with a view to effect reasonable retrenchment, the post of the Office Sub-Inspector be abolished, appointing a camp clerk instead of this high paid officer, as in the case of other Heads of Departments?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

(a) One of the Sub-Inspectors is taken as Camp Sub-Inspector.

(b) The duties are those of a clerk, but he has also to go through Case Diaries and First information reports and give a summary. Salary Rs. 70.

(c) Yes.

(d) The matter will receive attention.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

(d) "The matter will receive attention". May I know how long will it take?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR.

As soon as it is convenient, i. e., as soon as circumstances will permit, convenient as regards the circumstances of the case.

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